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# ESOS reforms for Schools

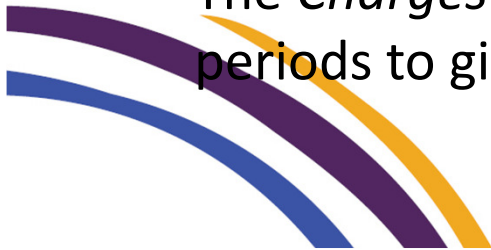
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# ESOS Reform Bills

Two ESOS Amendment Bills were introduced to Parliament on 17 September:

- The *Streamlining Regulation Bill*:
  - contains streamlining and deregulatory reforms
  - reduces red tape
  - increases choice and flexibility for institutions and students
- The *Charges Bill* makes specific changes to registration charges and periods to give effect to the *Streamlining Regulation Bill*.



# Reporting requirements for schools

Changes include:

- Removing the requirement to report instances of student default
- Extending timeframes for reporting on student course variations and visa breaches, with exceptions for under 18s



# Collecting tuition fees

Changes will:

- Allow students to pay more than 50 per cent of their tuition fees before their course commences if they choose
- Extend the length of the course for which full fees may be collected to 25 weeks
- Remove study period requirements from the ESOS Act.



# Registration processes for schools

- Clearly define the important role of state and territory regulators, as designated State authorities (DSAs), in assessing and recommending registration
- Establish the Secretary of the Department of Education and Training as the ESOS Agency for school providers
- The department will consult on the changed registration processes through a PRISMS user group forum.



# Support for schools as changes take effect

- The Department of Education and Training is the ESOS agency for schools.
- Quality assurance activities include:
  - regular desk audits
  - monitoring visits.
- More focus will be on educative activities as the changes are implemented, including:
  - workshops to explain the changes
  - fact sheets and other information on the website, and offering support through a help desk.
  - induction package for newly registered providers.



# Next steps

- The Bills will be debated in Parliament this year.
- PRISMS user group forum to work through details of registration processes, from October 2015.
- Draft National Code to follow passage of Bills this year.

